



TESTIMONY

My name is Soazig Amanda Santizo Calderon, I am thirty five years old, Guatemalan, Lawyer and Notary, single, living in the Republic of Guatemala, with identification number document 2214 94472 0101 issued by the People Public Registration Office of The Republic of Guatemala (RENAP), under oath I declare the following:

- a) I am an independent lawyer, expert in litigation, I have promoted the respect of Human Rights, and the effective respect of the law in Guatemala. The administration of justice is of vital importance to any society, and for the administration of justice to be efficient we must promote respect for our laws. Culture is an essential element in our society and this influences our law and in many of our democratic processes. What has not worked and has not helped to improve the administration of justice are the pressures of associations such as OSF and ABA because I consider that they do not know our culture or Guatemala's real living situation and I do not see that they want to promote Guatemalan interests I see they promote their financier's interests for example: Gloria Patricia Porras Escobar, while in her functions as President of the Constitucional Court (who maintain very good relations with the associations financed by George Soros), ordered to paralyze San Rafael Mine's operations, owned by **Tahoe Resources Inc.** (Canadian Capital), until the mine went bankrupt and **Pan American Silver Corp.** bought it¹ Porras and the other magistrate's decision, according to law should have been issued in 5 days but they took almost 2 years. George Soros is a shareholder of **Pan American Silver Corp.**² and also finances Open Society Foundation and ABA (American Bar Association)^{3,4} I have seen that associations that receive funds from George Soros such as the Open Society Foundation and American Bar Association (ABA) and others, have exalted the image of prosecutors, judges and magistrates like Gloria Patricia Porras Escobar, Yassmin Barrios, Ericka Aifan, Juan Francisco Sandoval Alfaro who do not act according to the human rights parameters, international or national laws. In the case of ABA(American Bar Association) attempted to intervene in the process of electing magistrates of the Supreme Court of Justice by sending an official communication dated February 5, 2021 where it indicated that it wanted to be part of the process of selecting the magistrates. This association also receives United States Federal Funds and this intervention is prohibited according to Guatemala's Constitution⁵. Also, Guatemala's Constitution contemplates within its "political actions" the periodic election of its institutions, one of which is the Constitutional Court, The country's institutional regime prescribes that political activities and political petitions are

¹Pan American Silver offers \$1.1 billion to buy out Tahoe (2018) <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-tahoe-resources-m-a-pan-amer-silver/pan-american-silver-to-buy-tahoe-resources-for-1-07-billion-idUSKCN1NJ0ZD>

² Bet Like George Soros and Cash in on a Silver Rally (2014) <https://www.fool.ca/2014/07/22/review-2-ways-to-bet-like-george-soros-to-cash-in-on-a-rally-in-silver/>

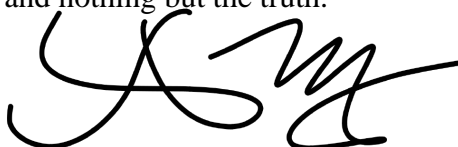
³ ABA Fund for Justice and Education. ABA Fund for Justice and Education Annual Report 2014/2015. Chicago, IL: ABA, 2015.

⁴ ABA Fund for Justice and Education. ABA Fund for Justice and Education Annual Report 2015/2016. Chicago, IL: ABA, 2016.

⁵ Guatemala's Constitution (1985) "Artículo 203. **Independencia del Organismo Judicial y potestad de juzgar.** La justicia se imparte de conformidad con la Constitución y las leyes de la República... Ninguna otra autoridad podrá intervenir en la administración de justicia..."

activities RESERVED FOR Guatemalan citizens.⁶ That is why ABA acted against the law when they sent that communication. b) In the case of Judge Yassmin Barrios (exalted by George Soros Associations), issued a light sentence to some Mara Salvatrucha gang members, Salvadorans who were tried for having adulterated Guatemalan nationality documents which they used because they were wanted in El Salvador for very serious crimes (murder); and against them she issued a 5 year prison sentence and did not order to be deported, unlike the cruelty of the sentence in the case against Bitkov family (prison for 14-19 years) and to be deported. On 2015 Judge Yassmin Barrios received an award⁷ from Open Society Foundation of 50 thousand dollars (representing Guatemalan judge's salary of 2 years) despite the fact that receiving awards is a crime under Guatemalan law⁸ and the trial against Bitkovs started on January 2015. Other individuals who have been praised by the associations financed by George Soros are the former Prosecutor Juan Francisco Sandoval who was the prosecutor in charge of the Bitkovs' case. c) Mine FENIX In 2011 CGN was acquired by the Solway Investment Group⁹ consortium which seeks to publicly hide its Russian origin and presents very little information on the origin of its capital and on its shareholders⁶. In its few announcements about the company Solway pretends to appear as a Swiss company with shareholders of EU nationality. Let's look at the history of CGN's acquisition by Solway. In 2007 Russia, through its representative of ROSOBORONEXPORT, Eduardo García makes approach for the purchase of CGN, who then financed part of Álvaro Colom's campaign with the condition of favoring CGN interests. Álvaro Colom was invited to visit Russia in 2010¹⁰. On February 23, 2015, by means of a legal action, the Constitutional Court ordered the definitive suspension of all FENIX Mine's activities but the mine continues to operate without problems and there is no pressure from the authorities to respect the resolution unlike what happened with San Rafael Mine owned by Tahoe Resources Corp. who were forced to close through Civil National Police actions and several protesters groups.

I do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that the testimony I shall give shall be the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth.



⁶ Guatemala's Constitution (1985). Artículo 136. Deberes y Derechos políticos. Son derechos y deberes de los ciudadanos: (...) (e) Participar en actividades políticas, Artículo 147. Ciudadanía. Son ciudadanos los guatemaltecos mayores de dieciocho años. Los ciudadanos no tendrán más limitaciones que las que establecen esta Constitución y la ley, Artículo 137. Derecho de Petición en Materia Política. El derecho de petición en materia política corresponde exclusivamente a los guatemaltecos (...).

⁷2 Guatemalan Women Win Civil Courage Prize for Human Rights Work (2015)

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5f04b3efdec82f1ed161da10/t/5fcb8f2333fb14715cbd9ec8/1607175971312/Introduction+2015+-+Yassmin+Barrios+and+Claudia+Paz+y+Paz.pdf>

⁸ Penal Code (1977) "Article 439. Passive bribery. The offence of passive bribery is committed by a public official, public employee or any person exercising public functions, who solicits or accepts, directly or indirectly, any object of pecuniary value or other benefit, by way of favour, gift, present, promise, advantage or by any other concept, for himself or for another person, in order to perform, order, delay or omit an act proper to his office..."

⁹ Presidente de Guatemala comienza su visita a Rusia (2010) <https://actualidad.rt.com/actualidad/view/9061-Presidente-de-Guatemala-comienza-su-visita-a-Rusia>

¹⁰Республика Гватемала http://www.mid.ru/ru/maps/gt/-/asset_publisher/0n4XEAQLbbjN/content/id/3368352